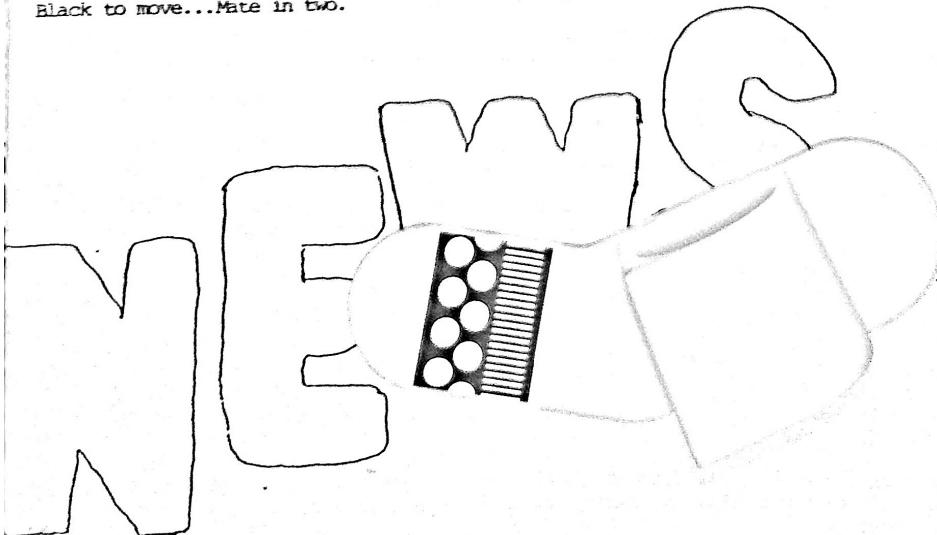


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White to move...Mate in four.
Black to move...Mate in two.



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NDCA NEWSLETTER

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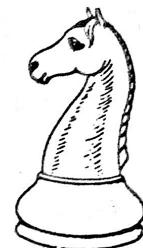
SOLUTION TO COVER

With white to move first, facing a threatened mate, White goes for the Jugular
with 1) e8/Knight +, Kb7 2) Kb7 2) d8/Knight + Ka7 3) b4Xc6+ 4) NXc6+ mate.
In a real "4-knights" game, White can interchange the last two moves and still
finish off black.

With black to move first, Black puts a lock on the carotid with the obvious 1) ... Qg3+
It doesn't matter if white chooses g1 or h1 for his grave, as 2)... Re1 provides the
coup de grace.



1987 ND SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT
MARCH 28 & MARCH 29, 1987



at the

Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, North Dakota

A 5 Round Swiss Pairing System Chess Tournament
Sponsored by the ND Chess Association & the Bismarck Optimist Club

SECTIONS

High School: Grades 10,11 & 12; Junior High: Grades 7,8 & 9;
Elementary: Grades 1 thru 6. (Players will pay withing their
respective sections unless the number of players in a section is
less than 10. Players from the same school will not play each
other unless absolutely necessary.)

PRIZES PER SECTION

1st Place Individual will receive a trophy and
a 1 year membership to USCF and NDCA

2nd Place Individual will receive a trophy and
a 1 year membership to NDCA

1st Place Team (4 players from same school all in
one section) will receive a trophy and a 1
year membership in NDCA for each team member.

ENTRY FEES

High School and Junior High: \$5.00 per player or \$16.00 per 4
player team if entered at the same time. These sections will be
nationally rated BUT USCF and NDCA memberships will NOT BE
REQUIRED.

Elementary: \$3.00 per player or \$10.00 per 4 player team if
entered at the same time. This section will not be nationally
rated.

Registration from 9:00-9:45 AM on Saturday, March 28, 1987.

ROUNDS

Elementary - All on Saturday 1. 10:00 AM 2. 11:00 AM
 3. 1:00 PM 4. 2:00 PM 5. 3:00 PM

Jr & Sr High - Saturday 1: 10:00 AM 2. 1:00 PM 3. 4:00 PM
 Sunday 4. 10:00 AM 5. 1:00 PM

For more information or to send entry fees, contact: Terry Ness
1537 Omaha Drive Bismarck, ND 58501 Phone: 222-3965

LETS PLAY CHESS ! ! !

About Chess.... by LaMoyne Splichal

- Spring is here! That means two major events are on tap for North Dakota chessplayers. Hope everyone is prepared to attend.
- March 28-29 is the weekend of the '87 ND Scholastic championship. (see ad in this issue!) Pass the word to any student or school interested in playing chess.
- The 1987 North Dakota Closed, our state chess championship, is set for April 11-12 weekend, also at the Bismarck Ramada Inn. Check out the notice in the newsletter, showing impressive prizes for you to win. Along with a good attendance, we hope for good competitive chess! Will John Stanfield be declared state champ for the 3rd year in a row? Will a dark horse claim the title? Will a former state champion, like Steve Turmo or Stephan Popel, recapture the top spot? Find out yourself, by playing at the '87 ND Closed!
- Booklets from the 1985 and 1986 North Dakota Closed tmts still can be purchased. If you like a copy of the tournament games, cost is \$. Send request to my address.
- Five chessplayers are competing in the '87 ND Postal Chess Championship. They are Ron Schauer - Jamestown, Michael Sprague - Minot, John Wetsch - Bismarck, LaMoyne Splichal - Dickinson, & Brent Askvig - Minot. They will play a double round robin (8 games each), competing for the state postal title. Prizes are \$50 (& champ. trophy if still residing in ND) for first, \$35 for second place, and \$20 to third place scorer.
- As most NDCA members know, Stephan A. Popel is a member of the North Dakota Chess Hall of Fame. In fact, at present Mr. Popel is the only Hall of Famer (elected in 1983). If you would like a chessplayer in the ND Chess Hall of Fame, here are the details: Any NDCA member may nominate a prospective Hall of Famer by petition, nomination, etc., to the NDCA Governing Board. (The governing board consists of the state officers, & the regional representatives.) Then the nomination must pass approval of the NDCA Governing Board unanimously, before the state NDCA membership votes approval by majority vote at annual meeting, during the North Dakota Closed. - Besides the honor, a memento is given to the recipient, and a lifetime NDCA membership awarded!
- Has anybody ever said you really ought to be a writer? You probably heard that line in a recent commercial, urging people into writing careers. - While I don't profess to be a writer, not even a good one sometimes, it's fun to write chess articles! Since September 1985, I've composed 45 chess columns for the Dickinson Press. Sometimes the news & games are easy to put together, other times a pain when no local or state news can be printed. The bottom line is it's a pleasure writing about chess! Maybe you have a local paper that needs a chess columnist. Also our state newsletter needs you to contribute articles, (games, annotations, stories, notes, news, etc.) so chessplayers can be knowledgeable of the game in their area. We're eager to read your news!
- Best of luck players in the upcoming chess tournaments in the area.

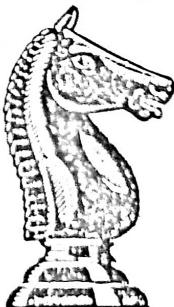
FROM THE SOUTH DAKOTA CHESS BULLETIN

Richard Herr, of Wishek, ND, won the Huron Fall Swiss that was held on October 11 and 12, 1986. Herr scored 4½ to outscore a field of eight players. The tie for second, at 3-2, included Ruben Pastian, Jr., Steve Newman, and Richard Kraft.

Other tournament results from the Oct. - Dec. SDCA bulletin were as follows: Curtis Carroll captured the Curious Quads II and III, Gary Wallace won the Guten Dammerung Open, Steve Norquist took the Proletarian Open, Jeff Barth won the SD Round Robin, and a Austrian exchange student named Karl Magritzer won the Sr. High section of the North-eastern Scholastic Invitational, with Ross Green winning the Jr. High section. The South Dakota Grand Tour title was won by Mark Falk.

Chess Items for Sale

- * Computers, Par Excellance with adaptor - \$130.00.
Also a Silver Bullet computer without adaptor - \$37.50.
Contact: Mr. DeWayne Martin, SUND-Minot, Minot ND 58701.
- * Ivory Chess Set!, (pieces only) King is 2", small set contained in
crafted box. Only \$100! A chess bargain, as ivory cannot be imported
anymore to the United States. Contact: Mr. Gene Torstenson (227-0016)
1369 14th St. West, Dickinson ND 58601
- * Sargon III computer chess disk with instruction book. It has 48K
memory, for any Apple II computer. - \$25. Contact Cliff Berger.
- * Chess Clock, German BHB, w/engraved Minnesota serial numbers on the
bottom. (the letters BHB are printed on each clock face.) - \$10.
- * BHB Special Clock, the letter USCF are printed on each side, on its
ascent, the flag points to 5 minute markers on each face. - \$12.
Contact Cliff Berger for either clock, address below.
- * Chess Set - brown and off-yellow wooden pieces - King 2 3/8", and
Pawns 1 1/2" high - brown and white squares measure 1", entire top
measures 10" by 10" - folds up with pieces cushioned inside - \$12.
Inquire with C. Berger, address below.
- * Chess Board for sale, made of onyx. Weighs 30lbs., but feels like
more! It measures 25 1/2" by 25 1/2" inches, inlaid board is 14" by 14",
with 1 9/16" squares. Cost is \$100. Contact C. Berger, address
below, who is collecting for Mr. Bruce Kilwein.
- * Prices Negotiable on sale of items by Clifford Berger, listed above!
Urgent sale, must sell by 3-25-87, as the money will be used to help
send the Dickinson High School students to the Scholastic, Mar. 26-29.
Call 225-3843, or write to 698 6th Ave. W., Dickinson, ND 58601, and
reserve your purchase.



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1987 NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED
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\$500 in prizes!!!
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April 11-12, 1987
Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, ND



USCF Rated.

A five round swiss.

Time Limit: Rd. 1, 45/100

Rds. 2-5, 45/2 hrs.,
then 15/30 min.

Schedule:

Late Registration, 9-9:45 Sat.
Round 1 - 10:00 AM, Sat.

Open to residents only,
of North Dakota!

Entry fees:

\$15, if rec'd by Apr. 15,
and \$9 for juniors.

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**Earlybird Speed Chess
Tourney!**
Friday, 7:30 pm, Ramada Inn
\$1 entry, winner takes all.

* PRIZES *

\$500 guaranteed cash awards
based on 30 entries!!!

Plus Trophies to top two
players, & top A, B, C,
and D-E-unr. section!

Send pre-entries to:
LaMoyne Splichal
141 East 5th, Dickinson ND 58601

1986 North Dakota Postal Chess Championship

Final Crosstable

Postal Player & City	1	2	3	4	Total
1. Clifford Berger, Dickinson	x/x	1/1	1/1	1/1	5½
2. John Wetsch, Bismarck	0/0	x/x	0/½	1/1	2½
3. LaMoyne Splichal, Dickinson	0/0	1/½	x/x	½/0	2
4. Bill Loup, Buffalo SD (formerly from Dickinson)	½/0	0/0	½/1	x/x	2

Awards 1st - Berger won \$14, & preferred no trophy from NDCA.
2nd - Wetsch won \$6.

* Brent Askvig, '86 ND Postal Tournament Director.

Here is the collection of twelve postal chess games from the event.

Wetsch - Berger (game A): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 a6 6 d4 e6 7 Be2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Be3 Qc7 10 Kh1 Nc6 11 a4 Re8
12 Bf3 Nb4 13 Bf2 e5 14 fe5 de5 15 Nf5 Bf8 16 a5 Be6 17 Bb6 Qc6
18 Qd2 Rac8 19 Radi Kh8 20 Ne3 Nd7 21 Ned5 Qd6 22 Be3 Nc6 23 Ne2 Be7
24 Bf5 Rf5 25 Qe1 Bd5 26 Rd5 Qc7 27 Bg4 Ncb8 28 Bb6 Qc6 29 Ba7 Rcd8
30 Bbd Nbd 31 Re5 Bf6 32 Rd5 Qc2 33 Qb4 Qc7 34 Qb3 Nc6 35 Rc1 Qe7
36 Qd2 Nb4 37 Rb3 Nf2 38 Rf8- Qf8 39 Re2 Qd6 40 Rc8+ Bd8 41 e5 Qd2
42 Bf7 g7 43 Ng1 Kg7 44 Bb7 Ba5 45 Ba6 Qb2 46 Bf1 Qb1 47 Rc5 Bd2
48 Rc7 d1 49 e6 Kh8 50 ef7 Kg7 51 f8/Q+ Kf8 52 Rc8+ Ke7 53 Rc5 Kd6
White Resigns. 0-1.

Berger - Wetsch (game B): 1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 ed5 ed5 4 d4 Bd6 5 c4 c6
6 cd5 cd5 7 Qb3 Qe7+ 8 Be2 Nf6 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Nc6 11 Bd2 Be6 12 h3
Ne4 13 Qe3 Nb4 14 Bb4 Bb4 15 Nbd2 Rac8 16 Rec1 Bf5 17 Bd3 Rfe8
18 Pc8 Rc8 19 a3 Bd6 20 Re1 Nd2 21 Qd2 Qf6 22 Bf5 Qf5 23 Qa5 a6
24 Qa4 h5 25 Qb3 b5 26 Kf1 Rc4 27 Qd1 Qc2 28 Qc2 Rc2 29 Re8+ Bf8
30 Ne5 Rc1+ 31 Ke2 Rc7 32 Rd8 Rc2+ 33 Kf3 Rb2 34 Nd7 Rb3+ 35 Kf4 f6
36 Rf8+ Kh7 37 Kf5 Rb2 38 f4 Rg2 39 Ra8 g6+ 40 Kf6 Rc2 41 Nf8+ Kh6
42 Ne6 Black Resigns. 1-0.

Splichal - Berger (game A): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Ne4 4 d3 Nd6
5 Bb3 Nc6 6 Qe2 Be7 7 Ne5 Ne5 8 Qe5 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 Qh5 Bf6 11 c3
b6 12 Be3 Ba6 13 Bc2 g6 14 Qd1 Bg7 15 Nd2 Nf5 16 Re1 c5 17 Nf3 Ne3
18 fe3 f5 19 d4 d5 20 b4 c4 21 Ba4 b5 22 Bc2 Bb7 23 Qd2 Bf6 24 Qf2
Qd6 25 g3 Bc6 26 a3 Qd7 27 Nd2 Rf8 28 Kg2 a5 29 Qf4 Bg7 30 Nf3 Ra7
31 Ne5 Be5 32 Qe5 Rfa8 33 Rac1 ab4 34 ab4 Ra3 35 Bb1 Rb3 36 Qf4 Raa3
37 Qf2 Rc3 38 Rc3 Rc3 39 Qd2 Ra3 40 Rc1 Qe7 41 Kf2 Ra4 42 h3 Qb4
White Resigns. 0-1.

Berger - Splichal (game B): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 d6 4 d4 ed4 5 Qd4
Bd7 6 Bc6 Bc6 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Bg5 Be7 9 0-0-0 0-0 10 h4 g6 11 Bh6 Re8
12 Nd5 Bd5 13 ed5 Bf8 14 Bf8 Kf8 15 Rhei Re1 16 Re1 h6 17 g4 Ng8
18 g5 h5 19 Re3 Qd7 20 Kd2 Ne7 21 Re7 Ke7 22 Qf6+ Ke8 23 Qh8+ Ke7
24 Qa8 Qf5 25 Qa7 Qf3 26 Qe3+ Qe3 27 Ke3 Kd7 28 a4 b6 29 Kd4 Ke7
30 Kc4 f6 31 f4 Black Resigns. 1-0.

Loup - Splichal (game B): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Bf5 4 Nc3 e6 5 a3 b6
6 Bf4 Bd6 7 Bg5 f6 8 Bd2 Ne7 9 e3 0-0 10 g3 Nd7 11 cxd5 exd5 12 Bg2
Bd3 13 Qb3 Bc4 14 Qc2 a5 15 Bf1 Bxf1 16 Kxf1 b5 17 e4 b4 18 axb4
axb4 19 Na4 Nb6 20 b3 Qc8 21 Kg2 Qb7 22 Rhb1 Nd7 23 Rhei Ng6 24 exd5
cxd5 25 Qf5 Rfe8 26 Re6 Ne7 27 Qg4 f5 28 Qg5 Qb8 29 Qh5 Nf6 30 Qh3
Qd8 31 Rae1 Ne4 32 Ng5 Nxg5 33 Bxg5 Rxa4 34 bxa4 b3 35 Bxe7 Bxe7
36 Qxf5 Rf8 37 Qb1 Bf6 38 Qxb3 Black Resigns. 1-0.

On fiendish Chess Computer...

by M. Sprague

We all know that those computers can play a pretty mean game of chess. Some have earned a master's rating... here is a classic tale of man meeting machine... fail if it is not my game or my poem..I found it too good to resist!

A word or two of explanation... the Far Excellence Computer program had met and defeated a 1970, a 1843, and a 1995 rated player in 12 moves, 34 moves, and 17 moves respectively. How would you like to have your first three rounds go like that in some tourney? Of course next round...

THE CHESS MACHINE (a poem)

James Brent--National Open 1986--Far Excellence

1. Nc3 Nc6 2. Bf3 a5 3. a4 Kf6 4. Bc4 Bb4 ---
(Four knights begin, this chessic dance of death,...)
5. Nd5 Bc5 6. d3 Nc4 7. 0-0 0-0 (Soon the kings, on
magic rows, do change address,...) 8. h3 Hxf2 (When Black
gives pieces, for the pale King's rook,...)...((aside, this
exchange of two pieces for rook and pawn is something that
my fidelity also does, so it must be a hereditary
tendency with even the finest computer...gives one pause:))
9. Rxf2 Rxf2+ 10. Kxf2 d6 11. B-g5 c-d7 12. N-h4 h5
13. Q-h5 (The ebony queen get squeezed, into shabby
nook, Then comes White's simple, king-side attack,...)
((aside, "Of course, Marsha, that is the usual penalty
for that exchange!"))...Qxh3 (Here speedy computer,
gives up Queen, for sacrifice!) 14. gxh3 hxg5 15. Ng6 (Now
White's Queen and knight, as pair of hawks, descend,
And knock off Black's king, at chessboard's end,...)...Q-f8#
16. Q-h8# (And thus, the electronic computer fiend,
was mated at just...sweet sixteen!). 1-0.

Not a great game of chess, or even a great short
game of chess, but a good look at the liabilities even a
machine must face. A computer will give you a good work-
out on tactics, especially of the elementary kind....And
look at that nifty poem!

Prairie Paws storm I - January 10, 1987

Chessplayer	Pre Rtg	Post Rtg	#1	#2	#3	Total
1 Mike Saller - Bismarck	1665	1709	W3	W2	W4	3
2 John Leitel - Almont	1804	1858	W6	L1	W5	2
3 Bill Loup - Buffalo SD	1386	1405	L1	D5	W6	1½
4 John Wetsch - Bismarck	1473	1467	D5	D6	L1	1
5 Zane Stearns - Dickinson	1403	1403	D4	D3	L2	1
6 Joe Gagner - Bismarck	1459	1437	L2	D4	L3	1

Awards - 1st. Sailer won \$15. 2nd. Leitel \$9. 3rd. Loup \$6.

TWO VIEWS OF THE SAME GAME

The following game occurred in the 1st round of Prairie Pawnstorm II, on Jan. 11th, in Dickinson, ND... LaMyne and I agreed to submit the game with comments from each of us, representing two different levels of chessplayer, in hopes that the result might be instructive to more readers. (Or amusing, depending on your point of view!)

<u>Joe Garner</u>	<u>Prairie Pawnstorm II</u>	<u>LaMyne Splichal</u>
	1-11-87	Round I
(I was surprised by the especially high % of pawn moves.)	1) c4 2) Nc3 3) g3 4) cxd5 5) e4 6) Nd5 7) Bg2	e5 c6 d5 cxd5 d4 Nf6 Bc6
(I thought of it too.) (LaMyne is preparing for fianchetto, but so many pawn moves!!!) (Considered 0-0-0)	8) Qb3 9) d3 10) Bd2 11) Ne2	b6 h6 Nc6 Nd7
(Time to get the King out of Dodge.) (This is no position to try something stupid like 0-0-0) (Now LaMyne, dearest, is after Queen or Pawn or more...) (Oh what webs we weave when the Queen tries to decieve.) (This kind of forced move usually is miscalculated by me, at high cost, but this time it seems to work.) (In response to LaMyne's thoughts, if 15) BXe6 fXe6, then 16) Nb4 NXb4 17) BXb4 BXb4 18) Qb4, and white breaks even...)	12) 0-0 13) Qb5 14) Bh3	Nc5 Bd7 Ne6
(An attempt to free e2 and break black center.) (White might have been better with 15) ... Nb4.) (Snarf!! Thank you!!!)	15) f4 16) Qa6 17) Bxd7+ 18) Qb5	f4 Na5 Qxd7 Qxb5
(TRIPLE FORK!!!!!!!)	19) Nc7	(Another English from Joe.) (I'm a pawn pusher!) (Thought of Nxd5, 8) exd5, later picking up isolated pawn.) (At this point, I still had no game plan in mind. So I thought now to try some knight-dancing to maybe tie up the Queen.) (Hoping the enemy might move carelessly!!!) (An unexpected move that seems to save white's position at the right moment.) (If 15) BXe6 fXe6 and white knight is trapped on d5 with 16) Nb4 NXb4 17) QXe5 Nc6.) (White seems to be attacking. Is He ignoring his Queen?) (Considered Kxd7, but didn't like King in open.) (A bit hasty, forgot of other options.)

In the 8-player Novice Terry Aman won a USCF membership.

Coming attractions include two events. First, Julius and the boys are putting on their annual Ides of March bash, announced elsewhere in this issue (and in Chess Life and Minnesota Chess Journal).

And second, an MSCA event, the Dragon Variations 5/9 Comstock Union, Moorhead State University 4SS TL 30/1, 20/1 and then Sudden Death REG 9-9:30 a.m. Rds 10-1-4-7 EF \$8 \$3 per entries. MSCA membership req. EX4, NC, W, and because one player is sensitive to smoke, NS.

Also a concurrent 4-nd. Novice tourney. No memberships required. Prizes will be USCF, MSCA & NDCA memberships as entries permit. EF \$3.

As of 2/25 I don't know if the International Tornado and International Team Match will be held in the F-M area this June, but if it is, I have recommended that Pres. Ron be asked to appoint a North Dakota team captain to recruit a team and confer with Canadian captain Glenn Johnstone and the Minnesota captain.

I leave you with a Trivial Question: How many non-North Dakotans played in the 1986 ND Scholastic Tournament last April?

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION: At least one.

RED RIVER VALLEY WINTER FESTIVAL - FEB. 7, 1987						
NO.	PLAYER	RATING	RD.1	RD.2	RD.3	TOT.
1	Meyer, Bruce	1797	W-7	W-11	L-4	2
2	Fauske, Gerald	1786	L-8	L-13	D-12	4
3	Starr, Cameron	1751	W-9	W-5	L-13	2
4	Wipf, Cal	1745	W-10	W-8	W-1	3
5	Heuer, Gerald	1570	W-12	L-3	L-8	1
6	Scott, Chad	1445	L-13	W-10	L-9	1
7	Alby, Milan	1377	L-1	W-12	W-11	2
8	Gunderson, Karl	1345	W-2	L-4	W-5	2
9	Hanson, J. Robert	1334	L-3	BYE	W-6	2
10	Ladwig, James	1142	L-4	L-6	BYE	1
11	Hersrud, Russ	888	BYE	L-1	L-7	1
12	Aaker, Mark	NEWZUNR	L-5	L-7	D-2	4
13	Ramli, Asnawi	NEWZUNR	W-6	W-2	W-3	3

For those of you who have already received the recent issue of Chess Life, you will notice a report of special interest to at least some North Dakotans. IGM Simen Agdestein tied for top honors with Dmitry Gurevich at a tournament in Israel. You may recall that IGM Agdestein was the star attraction at a special exhibition given last fall in Fargo-Moorhead.

Young Sailer Tops ND Grand Prix

Mike Sailer of Bismarck, age 16, leads the field in the ND Grand Prix contest. The standings below note Mike has a slim lead over 1965 Grand Prix champion Rick Case. With no future state tourneys scheduled (until '67 ND Closed), the point totals look final.

The Grand Prix contest aims to give players who are active in North Dakota chances for more prizes, etc. It also shows who loves to play chess in the state, attending many events, therefore NDCA rewards them for their efforts!

Seventy-one players competed in the fourteen events below. Some played in one event, others managed to attend almost all advertised. Mike Sailer attended all he could (missed Bison for lack of ride...), and Rick Case only omitted a Pawn War and Prairie Pawnstorms from his tourney circuit!

This year's Grand Prix race was very close, 1½ pts. separated the top two players. After some double-checking we find other contenders (Triggs, Gagner, Berger, & Stanfield) fighting for the top spot.

How does a player get ND Grand Prix points? It's easy! Here's the formula, set by Dave Rosley in 1965:

- 1) to receive GP pts, you must be a current NDCA member.
- 2) the USCF rated tournament must advertise in the NDCA Newsletter.
- 3) the tournament must be held within borders of North Dakota.
- 4) the tournament must be a regular swiss style tournament.
- 5) the GP pt. formula is as follows: number of players + number of rounds played + number of points received in the tournament.

Prizes for the top three players in grand prix will be discussed at the annual NDCA meeting, April 11th. - LaMoyne Splichal, Acting Dir., 1966 ND Grand Prix Contest.

'86 ND Grand Prix Leaders

238½	Mike Sailer - Bismarck
236	Rick Case - Minot
192½	Jerry Triggs - Mandan
188½	Joe Gagner - Bismarck
171½	Clifford Berger - Dickinson
161½	John Stanfield - Antler
150½	Richard Herr - Wishek
129	John Wetsch - Bismarck
82½	Brent Askvig - Minot
88½	LaMoyne Splichal - Dickinson
83	David Lindseth - Rugby
82	Steve Turmo - Fargo
80	John Leitel - Almont
79	Ron Schauer - Jamestown
75	Chris Lindseth - Rugby

* Tournaments used in contest. *

1986 North Dakota Closed
Pawn Wars 86-1
1986 ND Team Championship
Pawn Wars 86-2
Pawn Wars 86-3
2nd Queen City Open
2nd Kalaka International
Pawn Wars 86-4
22nd North Dakota Open
9th Bismarck Open
Pawn Wars 86-5
Prairie Pawnstorm I
Prairie Pawnstorm II
15th Bison Open

15th Bison - January 24-25, 1987

@ NDSU, Fargo, N.D.

OPEN Section

Chessplayer	Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1 Stephan A. Popel	2135	W16	W6	W12	W2	D5	4½
2 Ronald R. Schauer	1891	W14	W7	W5	L1	W8	4
3 Steve Turmo	2082	L7	W14	D4	W9	W11	3½
4 Rick Case	1863	W8	D11	D3	D7	W12	3½
5 Bruce Meyer	1797	W9	W15	L2	W11	D1	3½
6 David Lindseth	1797	W18	L1	L11	W15	W14	3
7 Cam Starr	1742	W3	L2	W18	D4	L10	3
8 Leslie Brennan	1602	L4	W10	W19	W12	L2	3
9 Robert Hanson	1334	L5	W13	W16	L3	W18	3
10 Sonner Sorenson	1996	L11	L8	W15	W18	D7	2½
11 Brian Langton	1668	W10	D4	W6	L5	L3	2½
12 Richard Herr	1814	W17	W19	L1	L8	L4	2
13 Gerald Fauske	1777	L15	L9	L14	Bye	W19	2
14 Alan Phipps	1626	L2	L3	W13	W19	L6	2
15 Emil Holquin		W13	L5	L10	L6	Bye	2
16 Cal Wipf	1775	L1	W17	L9	---	---	1
17 Arthur Bayley	1583	L12	L16	Bye	---	---	1
18 Jason Issacson	1210	L6	Bye	L7	L10	L9	1
19 Chris Lindseth	1171	Bye	L12	L8	L14	L13	1

Awards

1st - Popel, 2nd - Schauer, 1st B/C - Meyer,
2nd B/C - Lindseth, Starr, & Brennan, 1st Below Class C - Hanson.

Reserve Section (under 1400)

(9 players competed, no other details were received at press time.)

TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

Mar. 14-15	17th Red River Open Grant Center, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. 5SS, LS, NC, EF=\$10 (\$13 at site.), \$7 for students and senior citizens Prizes \$225 based on 30 player turnout. Reg.: 9-9:30 A.M., Sat. Send pre-entries to FM Chess, 315 Dale Ave., Moorhead, MN 56560
Mar. 28-29	1987 ND Scholastic Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND. See details in ad, elsewhere in this issue.
Apr. 11-12	1987 ND Closed Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND See details in ad, elsewhere in this issue.
Apr. 18-19	Sioux Falls Open Sioux Falls, SD (No other details available.)
* May	Michelob Open Aberdeen, SD (No other details available.)
May	Pawn Wars 87 Bismarck, ND (No other details yet available.)
May 9	Dragon Variations Comstock Memorial Union, Moorhead State Univ., Moorhead, MN. 4SS, TL: 30/1, 20/30, and then sudden death. Reg.: 9-9:30 A.M. Rds. 10-1-4-7. EF=\$8. Prizes as per entries. MSA membership req. EXQ, NC, W, NS
May 9	Dragon Variations - Novice Tourney 4SS, No memberships required, prizes will be USCF, NDCA, and MSA memberships as entries permit. Entry fee is \$3.00.

FROM OUTSIDE NORTH DAKOTA

A number of years ago as I was directing the Moorhead International Tornado, a player then living in Fargo complained that because I had put the new and unrated players in a clump between the B and C players on the wall chart, I had loused up the pairings, pairing him with stronger than ordinary players while Unrateds played tail-enders for the first two rounds. Even after I showed him the tournament announcement in which the class prizes were designated as A, B-U, C, & D-E, he was unconvinced.

Ordinarily, of course, unrated players go at the bottom of the list, or a fifth of the way from the bottom, but NSCA's anticipation was that unrated newcomers from Canada were not necessarily weak, and however justified Mr. Fjeldseth's excoriation, NSCA did have a point. New players are a question mark, and every director knows it.

An excellent example of that unknown strength shows up in the accompanying crosstable of the unheralded Red River Valley Winter Festival of 2/7/87* (*NSCA News did not announce it, and a page of the names and addresses Moorhead B & R was supposed to notify never got the announcement, presumably because of a secretarial error.) Asnawi Ramli, an unrated NDSU student, tied the long-overdue Mr. Wipf for first place.

There were some clues denoting Ramli's strength, to be sure. Last April Alan Sauter mentioned that the ACU-I regional tournament held at Mankato State and directed by Sauter was won by the student from NDSU, but he could not remember his name. This year Ramli again won the SU tourney to become the Bison representative at Iowa State on 2/15. Still he had no USCF rating.* (*When I directed the ACU-I tourney at Moorhead State around 1975, it was rated, and when Mankato State hosted it about five years ago it was rated. I'm unsure when ACU-I quit rating it.)

In round 7, Ramli downed Chad Scott, and Karl Gunderson, competing in his first tournament since 1978, upset Gerall Fauske.

Since ALL of the first round winners save Wipf had had white, we had some funny-looking second round pairings (Herszui-Meyer for instance. I paired Ramli down to play Fauske, and gave a bye to Hanson rather than Ladwig).

Ramli beat fellow Bison Fauske, apparently effortlessly. Wipf survived after a scare when Gunderson mishandled his attack.

In the last round the revolt of the underdogs continued with Wipf beating Meyer, Ramli humbling Starr, Gunderson tipping Heuer, and Hanson upending Scott. The unrated Aaker, letting a win get away from him, drew Fauske. Alby was the only higher-rated player to win in the last round! Were those performances just flukes? We'll see.

After round one F-M Chess voted to award first place \$20, top B-C \$15, and top under-1400/Unrated \$15. Now Ramli and Wipf tie for first. How much should each get? And should the players with two points get anything? If so, how much?

Prairie Pawnstorm II - January 11, 1987

Chessplayer	Pre	Post	#1	#2	#3	Total
	Ptngr	Ptngr				
1 Joe Gagner - Bismarck	1437	1513	D3	W4	W2	2½
2 John Wetsch - Bismarck	1467	1497	W6	W3	L1	2
3 LaMoyne Splichal - Dic.	1714	1700	D1	L2	W5	1½
4 Mike Sailer - Bismarck	1709	1692	D5	L1	W6	1½
5 Zane Stearns - Dickinson	1403	1419	D4	W6	L3	1½
6 Jason Berg - Dickinson	1304/5	1237	L2	L5	L4	0

Awards - 1st, Gagner won \$15. 2nd, Wetsch \$9.
3rd, Splichal/Sailer/Stearns \$2 each.

Pawnstorms @ Ivanhoe Inn - Dickinson, ND - Jan. 10-11, 1987.
TL: 30/1 hour, then game/1 hour. TD: LaMoyne Splichal

Joe Gagner	(Two Views continued)		LaMoyne Splichal
(I thought at this point that I had the game won, but the euphoria of trading the queens even had perhaps addled my brain.) (I had expected Nc2. Nx e5 screwed up my intended Rx f7)	20) Nx e5	Nxd3	(Thinking I had a win. Maybe to optimistic.)
(Nx d4 looks good until b5 pins the donkey's tail to the king!! I was surprised that LaByne did not take back the bishop.)	21) fxe5	Nx e5	(Nx d2 has merit. Better was taking center pawn???)
(Still hoping the knight will move permitting capture of f-pawn with +.)	22) Bxa5	d3	(Hoping with pawn push, a better attack.)
	23) Rad1		
	24) Kc2	Bc4+	
	25) Nf4	bxa5	
		Rab8	(The rook is intended to reach the 2nd rank and maybe double rooks.)
	26) Nx d3	Nx d3	
	27) Rx d3+	Kc6	(Here I missed basic endgame. opted for Kc6 instead of Kc7, for better ending.)
	28) Nd4+	Bxd4	
	29) Rxd4	Rxb2+	
(Down a pawn, and more to fall, I offered a draw. In actuality, the game looks lost.)	30) Kh3		(Joe offered a draw. I decided to play for experience as his Kh3 did not look playable.)
		f6	(I proceeded, stumbling thru the ending.)
	31) Rcl+	Kb5	(Kb4 seemed to dangerous.)
(Instead of 32) Rd5+, should perhaps have tried a4+.)	32) Rcl+	Kb6	
	33) Rd6+	Kb5	
	34) Rd7	Rxa2	
(Rxg7 looked to dangerous for getting my rooks mispositioned.)	35) Rx a7	Rj8	(Expected Rxg7)
	36) Rb7+	Ka6	(Didn't like Ka4, looked like a trap.)
(Setting up for perpetual unless something else developed.)	37) Rcl1	a4	(Forced, else Rbl/b6 gives mate.)
	38) Rlb6+	Ka5	
(At this point, I could think of nothing else to do except to permit my position to crumble due to LaMoyne's extra pawn. I had to force the draw or accept an endgame I only "knew how to lose".)	39) Rb5+	Draw	(Agreed to draw realizing I could only get ½ point with Joe having perpetual check at his disposal.)

...on Postal Chess

by H. Sprague

Sometimes in a certain position one hears the phrase, "the attack plays itself..." ...I have never really seen such a thing. When you are attacking you have to play with all vigor...cause the alternative is too gruesome to think about! Actually more games are probably lost by the failure to attack at a crucial point than ever by an overeager attack....

The following is probably my third favorite postal effort...and illustrates the point...

White: Michael Galotridis (Austin, Texas!)

1. e4 d5!? 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nb5+ Qd7 4. Be4 Qd4
5. f3 Bc8!? (some of the 'shadow-dancing' that goes on in the openings...!) 6. Nc3 N/b-d7 7. d4 Nb6 8. BB3 N/bxd5
9. N/g-c2 (9. Nxd5 xd5 10. c4 Nf6 11. Bc5 c6 12. cd2 g6
13. Ke2 Bg7 14. O-O O-O 15. R/a-d1 b5!? O/c--> RE5
10. Ng3 Bg6 11. Og2 c6 12. O-O c6 13. f4! Be7 14. Nxd5
Nxd5 15. c4? (the only logical followup to It's f4 was 15. f5! and I never worked out all the details but I believe that the defense would have been hard-pressed... i.e. 15. f5! exf5 16. Nxf5 O-O 17. Nxe7 ±)...Mb4!
16. Rd1 O-O (=) 17. Rc3 a5 18. d5!? a4!? 19. d6! (if 19. dxe6? Bd3! ->) RE6 20. a3 axb3 21. axb4 Rxa1
22. Rxa1 Oxd6! 23. f2-f2 (23. Bc5? Bd4+) RE8 24. c5 Qd5
25. Nf1 Bc2 26. Bc1 Qd4! 27. Ne3 Qe4 28. Qf3 Qd3 (+ with advantage to black, but...) 29. Rh1 h6 30. g4 e5
31. f5 Rd8 32. Rg2 a4 33. Qf2 Bd1 (black is slowly and carefully strangling white, moves like 33....Ab5?! do not enter into consideration!) 34. h3 Bf3+ 35. Rh2 Rh7 36. Kg1 h5!? 37. g5!? (Black, as shown by his 36th, was still looking for 'the last thread to cut' as white is still much alive...but this is 'the last straw'... 37. gxh5 had to be tried and it would be up to black to...) 38. cd5 39. cd2 Sxe3+ 40. Rxe3 Qd1+ 40. Rf2 Kxf5
41. Ke3 Bc2! 42. resigns 0-1.

Actually my opponent, who is about 2053 OTB started with a postal rating of 1368... and ended our series with one of 1786 (24 postal games!)...and won on the Black side of an English ! vs. me. I "won" 92 pts. for this effort!

*86 ND Postal games continued...

Berger - Loup (game A): 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4 3 e3 c5 4 ed4 cd4 5 g3
 Nc6 6 Bg2 g6 7 d3 Bg7 8 0-0 Bg4 9 Re1 Nf6 10 b4 a6 11 Qb3 0-0
 12 a4 e6 13 Nbd2 Re3 14 Ba3 e5 15 h3 Bf5 16 g4 Ng4 17 hg4 Bg4 18 Nh2
 Bf5 19 f3 Bh6 20 Nhf1 Bf4 21 Ne4 Be4 22 fe4 h5 23 Qd1 Qg5 24 Qf3 Kg7
 25 Re2 h4 26 Kh1 h3 27 Bh3 Rh8 28 Nh2 Rh6 29 Bf1 Ra8 30 Raa2 Be3
 31 Re3 de3 32 Bc1 Qf4 33 Qf4 ef4 34 Kg1 Ne5 35 Bb2 f6 36 Be5 fe5
 37 b5 ab5 38 ab5 g5 39 Rg2 Kg6 40 Be2 Draw agreed. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Loup - Berger (game B): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 g6 5 Bf4
 dc4 6 e4 b5 7 b3 cb3 8 Qb3 e6 9 Be2 Bg7 10 Rd1 0-0 11 0-0 Re8 12 d5
 ed5 13 ed5 Qa5 14 dc6 a6 15 Nd4 Bg4 16 c7 Nbd7 17 Nc6 Qb6 18 Nd8
 Be6 19 Qc2 Rc8 20 Bf3 Nc5 21 Rd2 Bf5 22 Qd1 Ne6 23 Ne6 Be6 24 Qc1
 Bc4 25 Rfd1 g5 26 Nd5 Nd5 27 Bd5 gf4 28 Bc4 Qc7 29 Bf7+ Qf7 30 Rc2
 Rc2 31 Qc2 Qc4 32 Qb1 Re2 33 h3 Bd4 34 Rf1 Ra2 White Resigns. 0-1.

Splichal - Wetsch (game A): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 Nf3 a6 5 b3
 Nc6 6 c3 cxd4 7 cxd4 Bb4+ 8 Bd2 Nge7 9 Bd3 Qb6 10 a3 Bxd2 11 Qxd2
 Qxb3 12 0-0 Nf5 13 Bxf5 exf5 14 Nc3 Qc4 15 Rab1 0-0 16 Rfc1 Ne7
 17 Ne4 Qxc1+ 18 Qxc1 fxe4 19 Ne1 b5 20 Qc5 Re8 21 Nc2 Be6 22 Nb4 Kh8
 23 Qc7 Nf5 24 Qc3 Rec8 25 Qb2 Rc7 26 g3 Rc4 27 Nc2 Rac8 28 Ne3 Nxe3
 29 fxe3 Rc3 30 Re1 R8c4 31 Re2 Rd3 32 Kf2 Ra4 33 Qc1 Rdx3 34 Qc7 h6
 35 h3 Kh7 36 g4 Ra1 37 Qe7 Rc4 38 g5 Bxh3 39 gxh6 Rf1+ 40 Kg3 Rf3+
 41 Kh2 gxh6 42 Qd6 Bf1 43 Rb2 Rc1 44 e6 Rxe3 45 e7 Rc8 46 Qd7 Rh3+
 47 Kg1 Rg8+ 48 Kxf1 Rh1+ 49 Kf2 Rh2+ 50 Ke3 Rxb2 51 e8/Q Rb3+ 52 Kf4
 Rf3+ 53 Ke5 Rxe8+ 54 Qxe8 Kg7 55 Kxd5 f5 56 Ke6 b4 57 Qf7+ Kh8
 58 Kf6 Rg3 59 d5 b3 60 d6 Black Resigns. 1-0.

Netsch - Splichal (game B): 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5
 5 Nc5 Qc7 6 Bd3 Bxd3 7 Nxd3 e6 8 Nf3 Nd7 9 Nfe5 Ngf6 10 Qe2 Bd6
 11 f4 0-0 12 0-0 c5 13 c3 Rac8 14 Nxd7 Nxd7 15 dxc5 Nxc5 16 Nxc5
 Bxc5+ 17 Be3 Rfd8 18 Rad1 b6 19 Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20 Kh1 g6 21 Rfe1 Rd5
 22 Rxd5 Qxd5 23 Qa6 Qd7 24 Rf1 Rc5 25 Qa3 Qd3 26 Re1 Draw. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Wetsch - Loup (game A): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0
 Be7 6 d3 0-0 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 d4 exd4 9 Nd5 Nxe4 10 Re1 Re8 11 Bf4 d6
 12 b4 b5 13 bxc5 ba4 14 Nd4 Qd7 15 cd6 Nd6 16 Re8+ Ne8 17 Nxc6 Nd6
 18 Nce7+ Kh8 19 Rb1 Black Resigns. 1-0.

Loup - Wetsch (game B): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 0-0 5 a3 Bc3
 6 Qc3 d5 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 Nbd7 9 cd5 Nd5 10 Bd8 Nc3 11 bc3 Rd8 12 e4
 b6 13 Nf3 Bb7 14 e5 c5 15 Rd1 Bf3 16 gf3 cd4 17 cd4 Rac8 18 Bb5 Rc3
 19 a4 Rf3 20 h4 Nf8 White resigned. 0-1.

Splichal - Loup (game A): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 d3 d6 5 Ng5
 Nh6 6 0-0 Bg4 7 Nf3 Nd4 8 Nbd2 Rf8 9 h3 Bh5 10 c3 Nxf3+ 11 Nxf3 Qd7
 12 b4 Bb6 13 a4 a5 14 b5 f5 15 Bxh6 gxh6 16 Re1 0-0-0 17 exf5 Qxf5
 18 Bd5 Rd7 19 Be4 Qf4 20 Bd5 Rg7 21 Kf1 Kb8 22 d4 exd4 23 cxd4 Qf5
 24 Be4 Qf4 25 Qd3 Bg6 26 Bxg6 Rxg6 27 Re7 Rgf6 28 Rae1 R6f7 29 Rxf7
 Qxf7 30 Re2 Rg8 31 d5 Qg7 32 Ne1 h5 33 f4 h4 34 f5 Qg5 35 Nf3 Qc1+
 36 Re1 Qc5 37 Re2 Qc1+ 38 Re1 Qc5 Draw agreed. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

***** North Dakota Postal Chess Champions

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1986	-	Clifford Berger
1985	-	R.L. Laux-Bachand
1984	-	Andy King
1983	-	Gerry Piechtnar

NDCA Annual Meeting - April 19, 1986

North Dakota Chess Association

President Terry Ness called the 1986 NDCA annual meeting to order. The '85 minutes (see May 1985 Newsletter) were approved, & seconded. Sec.-Treas. LaMoyne Splichal reported our treasury is healthy, we are doing fine. (After Closed, NDCA had \$918.71 in our funds.) NDCA has no outstanding debts, we just need more members.

Terry Ness reported the '86 ND Scholastic tournament was a great success, with 107 students competing in the event! The membership congratulated his organizing efforts, along with directors Brent Askvig Stacy Askvig, LaMoyne Splichal, & Joe Gagner. Ron Schauer also gave a simul Saturday evening. - It was noted that tournament chess gives a student the best way to improve their game, and enjoy chess.

NDCA voted to give Mr. Dick Rask, a 5th grade teacher at Bismarck Grimsrud Elementary, a certificate of appreciation. This is for his work with students, teaching them chess, etc., who provided enthusiasm to his many students.

Special thanks to the Bismarck Optimist Club, for their support at the ND Scholastic again!

We discussed a goal of sending a future state high school player champ to a national chess tournament. Scholastic would like to send the top player, with expenses to represent the state.

We discussed company sponsorship of chess events. In North Dakota, funds are hard to get from a company, but it is possible...

The ND Grand Prix winners were noted for 1985 contest:

1st - Rick Case won a Master Quartz chess clock, 2nd - Clifford Berger won a BHB Special chess clock, 3rd - Ron Schauer won analysis chess set.

Postal Report: R.L. Laux-Bachand of Minot won the 1985 ND Postal Chess Championship, noted TD Brent Askvig. There are only four players in the 1986 event battling for the title.

Terry Ness now stepped aside, as Pres.-Elect Dave Rosley became NDCA President. We thanked Ness for his efforts in office.

Elections: President Dave Rosley opened up nomination of officers. LaMoyne Splichal was nominated & unopposed, re-elected to be Secretary-Treasurer. - Ron Schauer and Rick Case were both nominated for the Pres.-Elect office. After the membership vote, Ron Schauer was elected to the office. Congratulations were given.

Pres. Rosley appointed the following people as regional representatives: Northwest - Brent Askvig, Clifford Berger - Southwest, Orhan Erdem - Northeast, and Southeast - Al Adams.

We noted that the Eastern ND players had a disappointing turnout at this year's championship. We discussed ways & incentives for us to get players to the ND Closed.

NDCA membership voted & approved to add \$200 into the '87 ND Closed prize fund. This should attract more players to the tournament.

The NDCA Newsletter was discussed on ways of improving issues. Joe Gagner volunteered to edit newsletter, w/LaMoyne Splichal assisting.

1986 ND Grand Prix prizes (about \$100), will be distributed to top 3.

NDCA membership agreed to giving free entries to '87 ND Scholastic individual winners, so they can play in the '87 ND Closed easier.

The U.S. Chess Trust, aimed at scholastic was noted by Ed Lutgen. For information on helping your school program, write to USCF.

The ND Team tournament dates will be set by Jerry Triggs, aided by Joe Gagner. Event will be in late May or in June.

A motion was made to adjourn, and seconded. Meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted, LaMoyne Splichal, Sec.

...On Chess...and Smoking

-M. Syracuse

I must admire Jerry Triggs recent stand on smoking in chess tournaments. When Col. Abe Thompson was active in chess here almost all our tourneys were No---"non-smoking"---it is too bad that we have drifted away from that policy...the Colonel brought the dedicated zeal of a reformed smoker who had quit!

I, personally, could care less how badly you ravage your lungs with tobacco... you're the one who will have to use them irregardless. But why should I have to share the experience when I am trying to play chess? This shared smoke is rather accented by the modern building style... ceilings are low, and good ventilation is almost non-existent. No, I will not repeat all of the grisly warnings smokers have gotten so used to ignoring... but, if you will, regard chess as an athletic event.

"whatever you do, do your doggonest!"...No man that ever entered a race to win deliberately handicaps himself...-drags along useless weight or lowers his endurance. Yet chess, because it seems to be mostly a mental exercise, does not get the same consideration. You notice I said, "seems"...it has been proven that to play a serious game of chess is roughly equivalent to playing a couple of games of touch football with men that are 'semi-serious'.

Now your brain will take a steady one-third of your blood supply...irregardless of what you are doing...but it does not have any control over the amount of oxygen in that blood. Nicotine not only cuts down on the amt of oxygen but also increases the amount of jump in your nerves. I have a very good illustration of that...

My friend Ed Lutgen is a strong chessplayer...and has a strong physical constitution...and he is a heavy smoker. During this one tournament, having won his first two rounds he sat down to play J. Triggs in the third... I helped him analyse the game afterwards. In a complicated, unbalanced position...Ed blundered. "What happened here?", I asked, "Oh, I got up and went out to have a smoke and..." -And completely lost the thread of the game. You could actually see his hand tremble from the effects of the poison.(and believe me Nicotine is a strong poison!).

So... you are going to sit down and play chess against Jerry Triggs, or Rick Case, or...even me...and you are going to smoke(or worse, have the desire to ... and, perhaps, not being able to...)...well, lots of luck.

Perhaps Case will join you...but I know those other characters won't be!

THE NDCA:

Fellow chess players: I have recently played in the N.D. Bison. There were only 18 in the open section. A poor turn out to be sure. But, it seems typical of chess in N.D. today. Many tournaments with few players. I must once again state that the N.D. Closed will be coming up April 11th and 12th with the state meeting at 2:30 on Sat. I EXPECT MANY MANY OF YOU THERE FOR THE MEETING AND THE TOURNAMENT. It has been discussed the MR. ROPEL will try and make this closed. If for no other reason than to see this brilliant chess mind play. BE THERE. The only excuse is terminal existence.

The North Dakota Scholastic is also coming up March 28th and 29th. PLEASE let your local schools know and do what ever is needed to get a team or player to the tournament. Without the youth chess in N.D. will always be in trouble. Us old guys ain't gonna last forever. Although it's rumored that some of us are trying.

Many thanks must go out in the past chess year. One to Joe Gagner for continuing the Pawn Wars series. To LaMoyne Splichal our great and forever Secretary Treasure. To the FM chess council for holding the Bison and the N.D. Open. To all the players that play and give of their time and talents.

Yours President.

RONALD R. SCHAUER

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

It has been a pretty nice winter until the past week. That being the case, there isn't too much to gripe about, even if we did get 16 inches of snow in the past 6 days. Especially seeing as how the temperatures have continued to remain above zero. Hopefully, with spring just around the corner, we should all be starting to feel the fever, particularly for some good Chess. Last week, I talked to Mike Sailer about a possible match, but got so busy on my taxes that I forgot to call back to set a weekend. Also, I discovered at the same time, that Mike and his dad are planning to join Jerry Triggs in representing North Dakota in the National Open in Las Vegas, in March. Best of luck to all three in showing the rest of the country just exactly "where the hell North Dakota is!"

A bit of old business is to correct an error in the last newsletter. In Jerry Trigg's Chess Challenge, I inadvertently added the word, automatically, to the end of Jerry's notice. It didn't change the meaning of what was said, but apparently there are some who took it to mean that the odds offered would count for rating purposes or some such. Whatever the case, my apologies to Jerry for changing the wording of his challenge. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the challenge reprinted correctly.

I have tried not to spend too much space on repetitive thank you's, but in the process, perhaps I haven't said those words enough. I guess that is why I want to take the time here to thank Mike Sprague, Sonnor Sorenson, Cliff Berger, Mike Sailer, Ron Schauer, and all who have helped by contributing their time and efforts to make available information for NDCA NEWS. It is especially necessary to thank the greatest contributor of all, LaMoyne Spilchial. He sends in most of what goes into each issue, and his help with typing is priceless. It might be mentioned here that anybody is welcome to contribute, but it would be appreciated by LaMoyne and Myself greatly if the articles were typed before we get them. Typing can be as much as 90% of the task of putting the Newsletter together. Every little bit that is done before it gets here means the issue gets out that much faster. The only requirements that are necessary are that the typing be done in standard letter format, with 10 to 15 spaces on the left margin, and the same on the right margin. Reduction xeroxing and editing are then made easy in terms of organizing the material in a presentable manner.

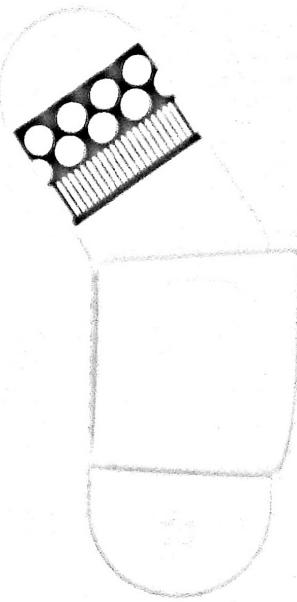
That is all for now. Hope This finds all in good spirits. And I hope all will help to make upcoming tournaments a rousing success.
GET THE FEVER!!!!

Joseph Gagner
Editor, NDCA NEWS

CHESS CHALLENGE

If anyone is interested in a Chess match, please send me an outline of your match conditions. Choose your time controls, number of rounds, etc. The game site will be the Central Dakota Chess Club room in the Memorial Bldg. at 215 N. 6th Str., Bismarck, ND. I can play every Saturday and some weeknights. There will be no smoking at any time in the club room. Bring your USCF ID card and 10.00 minimum entry fee. Players under 1800 can request odds. (You score X number of pts. before I score Y.)

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